

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-23 (canceled)

Claim 24 (withdrawn): A method of mitigating retinoid irritation of human skin in a composition containing a retinoid comprising applying to said skin a sugar selected from the group consisting of: ascorbic acid-2-glucoside, oligosaccharides such as lactose and melibiose and combinations thereof.

Claim 25 (withdrawn): A method according to claim 24 wherein said sugar is ascorbic acid-2-glucoside.

Claim 26 (withdrawn): A method of controlling the administration of hydrophilic or hydrophobic active ingredients using a composition of Claim 1.

Claim 27 (canceled)

Claim 28 (currently amended): A method for enhancing the permeation of a retinoid into the skin comprising according to claim 32 comprising applying topically to said skin *in need thereof* a wherein said composition consisting essentially of

- a. a topically active amount of a retinoid;
- b. from about 0.01% to about 20% of a sugar selected from the group consisting of ascorbic acid-2-glucoside, lactose and melibiose;
- c. from about 0.01% 0.1% to about 20% 5% of an acrylate/C10-C30 alkyl acrylate cross-polymer; and
- d. from about 0.01% to about 20% 5% of a polyoxyethylene alcohol.

Claim 33 (canceled)

Claim 29 (newly presented): A method for enhancing the permeation of a retinoid into the skin comprising applying topically to said skin a composition comprising from about 0.1 to about 7 weight percent of a sugar selected from the group consisting of ascorbic acid-2-glucoside, lactose and melibiose; from about 0.1 to about 1 weight percent of an acrylate/C10-C30 alkyl acrylate cross-polymer; and from about 0.01 to about 2 weight percent of a polyoxyethylene alcohol.